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disclosure is authorized by §261a.12 of this part.

§261a.12 Exceptions.

The restrictions on disclosure in §261a.11 of this part do not apply to any disclosure:

(a) To those officers and employees of the Board who have a need for the record in the performance of their duties;

(b) That is required under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552);

(c) For a routine use listed with respect to a designated system of records;

(d) To the Bureau of the Census for purposes of planning or carrying out a census or survey or related activity pursuant to the provisions of title 13 of the United States Code;

(e) To a recipient who has provided the Board with advance adequate written assurance that the record will be used solely as a statistical research or reporting record, and the record is to be transferred in a form that is not individually identifiable;

(f) To the National Archives of the United States as a record that has sufficient historical or other value to warrant its continued preservation by the United States government, or for evaluation by the administrator of General Services or his designee to determine whether the record has such value;

(g) To another agency or to an instrumentality of any governmental jurisdiction within or under the control of the United States for a civil or criminal law enforcement activity if the activity is authorized by law, and if the head of the agency or instrumentality has made a written request to the Board specifying the particular portion desired and the law enforcement activity for which the record is sought;

(h) To a person pursuant to a showing of compelling circumstances affecting the health or safety of an individual if upon such disclosure notification is transmitted to the last known address of such individual;

(i) To either House of Congress, or, to the extent of matter within its jurisdiction, any committee or subcommittee thereof, any joint committee of

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Congress or subcommittee of any such joint committee;

(j) To the Comptroller General, or any of his authorized representatives, in the course of the performance of the duties of the General Accounting Office;

(k) Pursuant to the order of a court of competent jurisdiction; or

(l) To a consumer reporting agency in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3711(f).

Subpart D—Exempt Records

§261a.13 Exemptions.

(a) *Information compiled for civil action.* Nothing in this regulation shall allow an individual access to any information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action or proceeding.

(b) *Law enforcement information.* Pursuant to section (k)(2) of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2)), the Board has deemed it necessary to exempt certain designated systems of records maintained by the Board from the requirements of the Privacy Act concerning access to accountings of disclosures and to records, maintenance of only relevant and necessary information in files, and certain publication provisions, respectively, 5 U.S.C. 552a (c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H) and (I), and (f), and §§261a.5, 261a.7 and 261a.8 of this part. Accordingly, the following designated systems of records are exempt from these provisions, but only to the extent that they contain investigatory materials compiled for law enforcement purposes:

(1) BGFRS-1 Recruiting and Placement Records.

(2) BGFRS-2 Personnel Background Investigation Reports.

(3) BGFRS-4 General Personnel Records.

(4) BGFRS-5 EEO Discrimination Complaint File.

(5) BGFRS-9 Consultant and Staff Associate File.

(6) BGFRS-16 Regulation G Reports.

(7) BGFRS-18 Consumer Complaint Information System.

(8) BGFRS-21 Supervisory Tracking and Reference System.

(9) BGFRS/OIG-1 OIG Investigatory Records.

(c) *Confidential references.* Pursuant to section (k)(5) of the Privacy Act of

1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5)), the Board has deemed it necessary to exempt certain designated systems of records maintained by the Board from the requirements of the Privacy Act concerning access to accountings of disclosures and to records, maintenance of only relevant and necessary information in files, and certain publication provisions, respectively 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H) and (I), and §§261a.5, 261a.7 and 261a.8 of this part. Accordingly, the following systems of records are exempt from these provisions, but only to the extent that they contain investigatory material compiled to determine an individual's suitability, eligibility, and qualifications for Board employment or access to classified information, and the disclosure of such material would reveal the identity of a source who furnished information to the Board under a promise of confidentiality.

(1) BGFRS-1 Recruiting and Placement Records.

(2) BGFRS-2 Personnel Background Investigation Reports.

(3) BGFRS-4 General Personnel Records.

(4) BGFRS-9 Consultant and Staff Associate File.

(5) BGFRS-10 General File on Board Members.

(6) BGFRS-11 Official General Files.

(7) BGFRS-13 General File of Examiners and Assistant Examiners at Federal Reserve Banks.

(8) BGFRS-14 General File of Federal Reserve Bank and Branch Directors.

(9) BGFRS-15 General Files of Federal Reserve Agents, Alternates and Representatives at Federal Reserve Banks.

(10) BGFRS/OIG-2 OIG Personnel Records.

(d) *Criminal law enforcement information.* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2), the Board has determined that portions of the OIG Investigatory Records (BGFRS/OIG-1) shall be exempt from any part of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a), except the provisions regarding disclosure, the requirement to keep an accounting, certain publication requirements, certain requirements regarding the proper maintenance of systems of records, and the criminal pen-

alties for violation of the Privacy Act, respectively, 5 U.S.C. 552a (b), (c)(1), and (2), (e)(4) (A) through (F), (e)(6), (e)(7), (e)(9), (e)(10), (e)(11) and (i). This designated system of records is maintained by the OIG, a Board component that performs as its principal function an activity pertaining to the enforcement of criminal laws. The exempt portions of the records consist of:

(1) Information compiled for the purpose of identifying individual criminal offenders and alleged offenders;

(2) Information compiled for the purpose of a criminal investigation, including reports of informants and investigators, and associated with an identifiable individual; or

(3) Reports identifiable to an individual compiled at any stage of the process of enforcement of the criminal laws from arrest or indictment through release from supervision.

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§261b.1 Basis and scope.

This part is issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System ("the Board") under section 552b of title 5 of the United States Code, the Government in the Sunshine Act ("the Act"), to carry out the policy of the Act that the public is entitled to the